

SPLENDID RECORD OF NEVADA IN ITS FERTILE FIELDS AND MINES

Southern Californians are especially interested in Nevada, because the peculiar shape of the long-angled border line between the states has snuggled her up very closely to us. Even the city of Los Angeles is not exactly south of the northern portion of California, but lies far enough east to come below the northern section of Nevada, says the Los Angeles Times.

Our neighbor is called the "Sagebrush state," but she stoutly denies that sagebrush and desert are necessarily synonymous terms, and her crop yield for 1916, in efficiency of production, bears out this assertion. While the potato crop ran short in most sections of our country in that year, the yield of the "Silver state" turned out well—she ranked forty-second among the states in acreage for this vegetable, but in actual quantity produced she stood thirtieth in the line. She harvested 2,660,000 bushels of potatoes—a greater crop than was yielded by either Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Vermont, Connecticut, Delaware, South Carolina, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Oklahoma or Texas, although most of these states had a larger acreage planted than did Nevada.

In bushels per acre Nevada made

a still better showing. The great potato growing states of New York, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa yielded, respectively, seventy, forty-seven, sixty and forty-two bushels per acre, and the nation as a whole gave 80.4 bushels to the acre; but the "Sagebrush state" produced an average of 196 bushels per acre, a mark so high that it was exceeded by but one other state in the Union—Maine, with a yield of 204 bushels per acre. For the same year, Nevada raised more apud than did Massachusetts or Texas, although the New England state had nearly twice the acreage and the southern state nearly three times as many acres planted.

It would seem that Nevada might easily raise foodstuffs for a population of a million or more, when her period of development comes. She has a potential water supply for at least one million—possibly two million—acres of land and for her 1916 crop of potatoes she utilized but 14,000 acres.

Wheat also pays a tribute to the efficacy of irrigation. Of all the states of this country, Arizona, the "sun-kissed," leads in production of bushels to the acre, her nearest competitor being Nevada, with a yield of but one-tenth of a bushel less. The value of irrigation when it comes to

raising hay is shown by the fact that Arizona also leads all states in her tonnage per acre, with Nevada and Washington a tie for second place in hay production. The residents of Nevada will not have to subsist on a vegetarian diet either, for the 1915 returns of the government credit this state with over 500,000 head of sheep and nearly 500,000 head of cattle.

The "Silver state" has long been noted for its mineral output, one lode alone having yielded over \$300,000,000 worth of precious metals. It will surprise many old-timers who associate Nevada's high tide in mining with Comstock days to learn that in 1913, before the war had sent copper sky high, the value of minerals produced in Nevada just about equaled that of the best years of Virginia City mining.

Already Southern California has good rail connection with Southern Nevada, and our business relations are becoming each year more important. But we need also a paved branch of the Lincoln highway to bring us into still closer touch, with good laterals to facilitate travel. The time is not far off when this neighbor state will send thousands of winter and summer tourists to enjoy the climate of the coast region of Southern California.

GOVERNMENT ACHIEVES TWO OF THE MAIN ACCOMPLISHMENTS DESIRED

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Two of the chief accomplishments sought by the government in closing down industry by cutting off fuel supplies have been achieved, Fuel Administrator Garfield announces.

Homes throughout the East, he said, are receiving coal in larger quantities than has been reported for weeks and bunker coal again is moving to seaboard in sufficient volume to supply trans-Atlantic ships. A third aim—the clearing of railroad congestion—has not been attained as yet, largely, Dr. Garfield declared, because of unusual weather conditions.

The first of the ten Monday holidays was observed generally and business everywhere in the East was at a standstill. Few violations of the order were reported. Today will be the last of the five days' shut-down of manufacturing plants.

Reports last night said New York had on hand enough coal to fill the bunkers of fifty vessels, and Hampton Roads had received supplies sufficient for the more than one hundred ships held in port.

"We are supplying coal to the piers," said Dr. Garfield. "It now is a question of putting it aboard ship."

The heavy movement of coal to port has taxed tug and barge facilities heavily. Despite pooling at New York, it was found difficult to handle receipts. At the shipping board it was said that both tugs and barges there would be commandeered if necessary.

At Hampton Roads, heavy ice was interfering to some extent with bunkering.

In declining to put an embargo on the receipt by railroads of general freight, Director General McAdoo, it was learned, acted against the advice of the war conference board, which adopted a resolution approving the suggestion. Officials who sought the embargo as a means of relief for congestion declared this measure still would have to be taken or else non-essentials would have to be denied transportation before the railroads situation is improved appreciably.

The Pennsylvania railroad, with the approval of the director of eastern roads, yesterday declined to accept

at its stations any general freight for shipment. It took only food and coal and made an effort to move freight already on its lines. Some other lines accepted new freight, but made no attempt to move it.

Reports received during the day indicated that business generally observed the spirit as well as the letter of the closing order.

"The results," said Dr. Garfield, "of the operation of the order both as regards the industrial closing and today's general shut-down are fully up to our expectations insofar as the weather permitted. Coal is going to homes and ships and being bunkered. It was unfortunate that the severe weather interfered somewhat with clearing railroad congestion."

Asked if he would extend the five days' industrial closing if it appeared that the accomplishments sought had not been fully obtained, Dr. Garfield said he did not wish to cross that bridge until he came to it. There will be ten heatless Mondays, Dr. Garfield said, despite pressure to have their number reduced. In selecting Monday as the day for general closing, Dr. Garfield said that the fuel administration took into consideration Washington's birthday, February 22, which falls on Friday. Since most plants give a Saturday half holiday officials expect a four-day industrial shut-down in February.

Exemptions, it was indicated again today, will not be increased. A request by certain department stores that they be permitted to remain open on Monday and operate only seven hours for six weeks, was refused.

Dr. Garfield took occasion to denounce proprietors of manufacturing plants who have announced that they will work overtime five days a week to make up the time lost Mondays. That, he said, would be a plain evasion of the order.

A new ruling regarding the sale of food on Mondays was made when the following telegram was sent to state fuel administrators in respect to these stores:

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LABOR REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL COUNTRIES TO HOLD A CONFERENCE

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Jan. 22.—Demands for the calling of an immediate or early conference of representatives of labor from all countries to discuss peace will be among the most important of the resolutions to be submitted to the conference of the British Labor party to be held at Nottingham tomorrow and on the two days following. Three resolutions requesting such action have been prepared for submission to the conference by the Independent Labor party, the Socialist party and the Glasgow Trades Council.

Various phases of the peace question apparently will be dominant in the discussions. Declaration that the time has arrived for peace negotiation is made in four resolutions to be submitted by the labor organizations of Bristol, Norwich, Leicester and York.

A demand that labor be permitted representation in the eventual peace congress of the belligerent powers, or that an international labor conference be held simultaneously with

the peace congress, is set forth by labor bodies of Great Yarmouth and Bristol.

Withdrawal of all labor members from ministerial offices under the present government is demanded in eight resolutions prepared by the British Socialist party or by labor bodies, on the ground that continuance of labor members in the service of a government which "permits exploitation of the people by the capitalists" is contrary to labor interests and a violation of the party constitution.

One such resolution from East Ham bases its demands on "the continual bare-faced robbery of the people by the food pirates," and suggests that any laborer who refuses to resign should be expelled from the party.

"Capitalist food thieves" are strongly denounced, and the government is urged to handle the food problem so as to eliminate profiteering and secure "equality of sacrifice." There is likely to be a long and bitter discussion on this issue. A year ago the conference reaffirmed

by an overwhelming majority approval of office by labor ministers.

Financial proposals have been submitted by more than a dozen societies. They include plans for a substantial levy on capital, a drastic increase of the income tax, a raising of the exemption limit to 180 pounds or 200 pounds, and the compulsory application of the "sinking fund" principle to land and capital, making it the property of the nation.

A scheme for the reorganization of the Labor party is to be submitted to the conference by the executive committee. It is said to represent an advance in the political mobilization of the labor forces.

Three important newcomers among the resolutions are: An amendment of the law of libel for the protection of labor bodies against slanderous literature and speakers; a declaration in favor of home rule in India, and a statement that the time has come for the teaching of an international language to enable workers of the world to understand one another without need of an interpreter.

CORPORAL ROBERTS IS AMONG THE SLAIN

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—General Pershing today reported that Corporal Walter Roberts of the infantry was killed in action on the 20th. No details of the engagement were given.

Private Woolridge, whose sister resides at Corning, Cal., has died of pneumonia.

INDICTED FOR MURDER.

(By Associated Press.)

PEORIA, Ill., Jan. 22.—The Peoria county grand jury yesterday returned an indictment on thirteen counts against E. A. Strause for murder. Strause, who was president of the State Trust and Savings bank, shot and killed his cashier, Berne M. Mead, in the bank on Sunday, December 23.

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(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—The National Congress of Mothers has undertaken to enroll all women in the country who have given sons or husbands to the military service, with a view to strengthening patriotism and creating bonds of sympathy. Men who have motherless sons in the service will be admitted to membership.

It was announced that the fee will be 50 cents, and the funds will be used in carrying on the work of the local branches, including the purchasing of wool and other materials for soldiers whose relatives have not the means of supplying their needs.

LAST OF MEXICAN WAR VETERANS ANSWERS CALL

IOWA PIONEER FIRST WHITE CHILD BORN ON SITE OF CHICAGO.

(By Associated Press.)

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., Jan. 22.—The last Mexican war veteran in the Iowa soldiers' home is dead. Isaac S. Miller, 95 years old, died in the hospital here of senile debility yesterday. He entered the home from Tama May 16, 1916. Miller served in company A Sixteenth United States Infantry with the army of General Taylor. He claimed to have been the first white child born at Old Fort Dearborn, Ill., the present site of the city of Chicago.

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DEATH OF MINISTER WILL BE AVENGED

BOLSHEVIKI SEARCHING PETROGRAD FOR SLAYERS OF KERENSKY'S STATESMEN.

(By Associated Press.)

PETROGRAD, Jan. 22.—The murder of two former Kerensky ministers has created a feeling of protest and revulsion among the Bolsheviks. In an effort to prevent the situation from getting beyond his control, Premier Lenin has ordered the city combed for a "motor car with Red Guards and sailors who killed Shingarov and Kokoshkine."

GOVERNMENT ORDER ELIMINATES TRAINS

GREAT SAVING IS ACCOMPLISHED UNDER SYSTEM JUST ESTABLISHED.

(By Associated Press.)

OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 22.—Government operation of railroads has eliminated ten fresh meat trains daily between Omaha and Chicago and where formerly twelve meat trains were operated every day between this city and Chicago but two such trains are now running. The running time of the trains has been lengthened from twenty-seven hours to forty-two hours per trip.

Under the old system each of the Omaha-Chicago six roads operated two short meat trains each daily. Under the government operation plans all the meat business is bunched into two trains daily and the proceeds are pooled among the six roads.

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